Drugs under National Health Programme

683. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR REHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the News item captioned "changes in Drug Policy likely" appeared in "The Hindu" dated 19th August, 1991;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Government have decided to abolish the present system of placing the drugs under price control necessary for National Health Programme;

(c) if so, whether Government have not been able so far to include all the drugs under price control necessary for National Health Programme; and

(d) since when this issue is pending for consideration and on what ground Government have taken a decision to abolish the system which has not been implemented and given trial so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The drug policy including DPCO 1987 is still under review and decisions thereon are yet to be taken.

Prices of drugs/medicines

684. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the price of Catalin Eye drops, Speman Tablets, Neotraxate Tablets, Trexly Suspension, Trexly Tablets, Selvigon drops, Septilin Tablets, Septilin Syrup, Guinoform Tablets, Niclosam Tablets, Sonamizol Liquid, Aldozol Syrup, Zanax Tablets, Gardenol Injection and Rumalaya cream before DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price;

(b) whether it is a fact that producers of these products increased the prices several times during this period;

(c) if so, what was the percentage of increase in each time and what is the percentage of increase after the announcement of DPCO, 1987;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have set up a monitoring cell; and

(e) if so, when each formulator have provided details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) To the extent available, information has been given in the statement enclosed.

(d) The Pharmaceutical Division in the Deptt. of Chemicals & Petrochemicals is in charge of the work relating to monitoring.

(e) It is a continuous process and as per DPCO, 1987 information is required to be furnished by the concerned manufacturer as and when a new pack is introduced or any price revision takes place.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of formulation	Price before DPCO, 1987 (Rs.)	Increase in between (Rs.) (%age increase)		Present price (Rs.) (%increase)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Catalin eye drops 15ml.	30·15	49·00 (62·62)	54·56 (11·35)	60·00 (9·98%)
2	Speman tabs.		Ayurvedic Medicine		
3	Neort exate tabs. 10X10's	67·00			85·00 (26·86%)